

My name is Kristopher Dees and I am employed by the Middleboro Police Department for the past 15 years my current rank is Lieutenant, I hold a Master's degree in Criminal Justice. Before being hired by the Middleboro Police Department I was a soldier and deployed to Afghanistan in 2002-2003. During my time with MPD I have served in patrol, detectives, Detective Sergeant and Detective Lieutenant. I have served several times as a Task force Officer assigned to DEA in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. I have served warrants, seized illegal firearms, narcotics and fought for my life alone in woods and on the side of the road. I have also administered Narcan, helped deliver a child, saved an unresponsive newborn baby by administering back slaps, I saved another small child by using my accumulated drug knowledge to know that a baby was overdosing not choking as the mother continued to tell medical staff. I have investigated dozens of deaths both natural and unnatural. I have had to have those conversations with families about their loved one's deaths.

I am now older and my function as a police officer has changed to a much more administrative role. I have always been willing to give my life for the United States when I was a soldier and for the people of the Commonwealth in my time as a police officer. That being said with the current proposed changes to qualified immunity you are now asking me to put my family's life on the line as well, which many police officers will not be willing to do. Police Officers need Qualified Immunity to protect themselves against frivolous law suits. It's not a shield against criminal wrongdoing as it's being portrayed in the media. It protects me from being sued from minor injury to that child I saved or forcing the door to get to that baby that was dying of an overdose. Please protect my family as hard as I protect all of yours.

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